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FROM SMITH

Following question and answer [illegible] me Minister Kubar's press conference May 30:

Question:

Does Your Excellency have any announcement to make regarding progress of Libyan-American talks which have been taking place for four months? What relation do they have to agreement whereby United States agrees pay sum six or ten million dollars? Does Your Excellency understand that Washington will pay this sum directly to the Libyan Government?

Answer:

On examining state budget for 1959-60 we find that there is listed in income of Libyan Government amount of $10 million as contribution of American Government. Therefore, agreement which has been concluded in last few days may be considered as definitive approval of $10 million dollar contribution, partly for Budget and partly for LARC. As for the talks, they are proceeding, and we hope to arrive at result which can be announced to public before end of July.

Comment: Cyrenaica Weekly News incorrectly reported Prime Minister said results would be announced by end June.

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